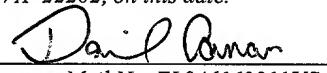


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 42 and 43 as follows:

42. (Amended) An illumination device comprising a light source, a light guide plate into receiving a ray of light of said light source, and said optical sheet according to one of claims 29-39 and 41, disposed on one side of said light guide plate.

43. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising a light source, a light guide plate receiving a ray of light of said light source, said optical sheet according to one of claims 29-39 and 41, disposed on one side of said light guide plate, and a liquid crystal panel.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Applicants respectfully request that these claims be considered with the examination of this application.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 42 and 43 were amended as follows:

42. (Amended) An illumination device comprising a light source, a light guide plate into receiving a ray of light of said light source, and said optical sheet according to one of claims [29 to 41] 29-39 and 41, disposed on one side of said light guide plate.

43. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising a light source, a light guide plate receiving a ray of light of said light source, said optical sheet according to one of claims [29 to 41] 29-39 and 41, disposed on one side of said light guide plate, and a liquid crystal panel.